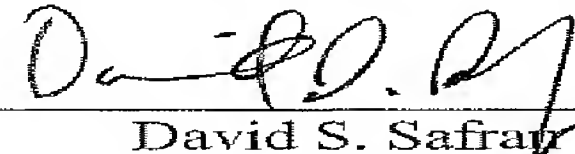


REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims have been made to remove the multiple dependencies and otherwise place the claims in better form for initial examination and no substantive change in the scope thereof is intended. Additionally, appended hereto is a substitute specification which has merely been amended to add paragraph numbers, section headings, minor editorial changes and to bring the abstract into conformance with U.S. requirements. No new matter has been added as can be seen from the appended mark-up copy of the substitute specification.

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